Utah Crop Progress & Conditions



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Agricultural Summary

There was an average of 5.8 days suitable for field work across the State for the week ending August 10th. Crops looked good in Beaver County. Rains have really helped the pastures and range ground. Showers slowed harvest in Box Elder County. Much of the week in Cache County also included scattered showers and cloudy skies. One of the benefits from the cloudy, cooler weather is a reduction of spider mite activity in corn fields. Growers are anxious for warmer, dry weather in the coming days. Rains during the week in Rich County completely stopped producers from having from Monday through Friday. Summer rain showers in Uintah County have helped keep mountain range conditions from deteriorating. Reservoirs are nearly at conservation pool level. Canal companies have started to shut down deliveries of irrigation water. Irrigation water will be shut down in Ashley Valley and Jensen in the next two weeks.

Field Crop Summary

The corn crop looks good in **Box Elder County**. Most of the acreage has tasseled and silked. Growers were wrapping up harvest of second crop hay. Very little harvesting was accomplished in **Cache County** last week. Barley and wheat were ripe and ready for the combine, but moisture levels were still too high for harvest and safe storage. Second crop alfalfa in **Rich County** is in good shape because of rains. Producers will begin to cut alfalfa second crop later in the week. Recent rains in **Weber County** have wet some cut alfalfa and slowed grain harvest, but are helping corn grow.

Livestock Summary

Livestock are doing well in **Beaver County**. Rain helped range conditions in **Box Elder County**. The rains in **Cache County** have livened up pastures and rangelands, all for the benefit of grazing livestock. Cattle continue to be in great shape in **Rich County** as a result of rains on summer ranges.

Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 10, 2014

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	19	40	40	1
Subsoil	20	48	32	-
Stock water supplies	13	33	53	1

Crop Progress & Development for Week Ending August 10, 2014

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5- Year Ave- rage	
	Crop Progress				
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	
Winter Wheat Harvested	70	68	70	60	
Spring Wheat Harvested	37	27	30	33	
Barley Harvested	47	42	57	48	
Oats harvested	35	33	18	18	
Corn Silking	76	61	80	74	
Corn Dough Stage	6	NA	3	5	
Alfalfa Second Cutting	91	80	92	85	
Alfalfa Third Cutting	14	4	14	23	
Apricots Harvested	68	64	94	92	
Peaches Harvested	4	NA	19	12	
Tart Cherries Harvested	98	86	94	85	

Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 10, 2014

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Spring Wheat	-	4	19	56	21
Barley	-	-	9	67	24
Oats	-	-	17	72	11
Corn	-	-	18	59	23
Range & Pasture	3	18	44	34	1
Sheep	-	-	14	80	6
Cattle/calves	-	1	20	67	12